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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY PARSKY TO
SAUDI ARABIA

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1. YAMANI HAS JUST TOLD ME HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE "PREMATURE"
FOR PARSKY TO COME BACK TO SAUDI ARABIA ON SEPTEMBER 13. THERE
WOULD, HOWEVER, BE NO OBJECTION TO THE WORKING GROUPS COMING AS
SCHEDULED. YAMANI IN ANY CASE WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY DURING
THE PERIOD OF PROPOSED FOR THE VISIT. FAHD WOULD ALSO NOT HAVE
RETURNED TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. YAMANI WILL BE IN THE STATES IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AND
WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH SECRETARY SIMON.

3. COMMENT: FOR REASONS THAT ARE NOT RPT NOT YET QUITE CLEAR,
THE SAUDIS APPEAR TO BE DRAGGING THEIR FEET ON THE "NEW
RELATKONSHIP". THEY MAY BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS AND WANT TO
SEE FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THE POLITICAL FRONT BEFORE THEY
GO MUCH FURTHER TOWARD COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO THE
UNITED STATES. I WILL SEE YAMANI AND OTHERS NEXT WEEK
AND WILL RAISE AGAIN WITH THEM THE PARSKY VISIT. IN
ANY CASE I WOULD EXPECT THE WORKING GROUPS TO COME QI
PLANNED.

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